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IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Claims 1-13 (Canceled)

14. Canceled

15. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications system, comprising:
a voice message storage and retrieval unit;
a Caller ID data recording unit configured to record Caller ID data from callers calling said system, the caller ID data including a calling party number, the Caller ID data recording unit being associated with a first call control system;
an interface configured to transmit the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved; and
a second call control system local to a remote caller calling the system and configured to receive the transmitted Caller ID data;
wherein said second call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said second call control system, said second call control system being a call control system most more closely connected to the remote caller than the first call control system.

16. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a PBX.

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17. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) gatekeeper.

18. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a wireless carrier system.

19. (Currently Amended) A system in accordance with claim 15 wherein said second call control system is a central office.

20. Canceled

21. (Currently Amended) A telecommunications method, comprising:
recording messages from callers calling an answering device;
recording Caller ID data from the callers calling said answering device, the caller ID data including a calling party number, the answering device being associated with a local call control system;

transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to a remote location when the recorded messages are retrieved by a remote caller; and

wherein said transmitting comprises transmitting the recorded Caller ID data to an apparatus in a remote call control system wherein said remote call control system includes a Caller ID storage and retrieval unit configured to cause the transmitted calling party number included in the received Caller ID data to be called by said remote call control system, said remote call control system being a call control system most more closely connected to the remote caller than the first call control system.

22. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a PBX.

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23. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) Gatekeeper.

24. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a wireless carrier system.

25. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 21 wherein said remote call control system is a central office.